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<b>PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING HOLLOW FIBERS</b>	)		<b>23448</b>

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**AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO MAY 1, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
IN UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/811,347; AND SUBMISSION OF  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Mail Stop RCE  
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Sir:

This responds to the May 1, 2006 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination is enclosed and submitted herewith.

**4172-120**

Please amend the claims as set out in the following **Section I (Amendments to the Claims)**.

Remarks relating to the Office Action and amendments made herein are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** beginning at page 14 hereof.